Mint Director Announces Completion of Secretary Blumenthal Medal

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Mrs. Stella B. Hackel, Director of the Mint, today announced the completion of the official medal of Treasury Secretary W. Michael Blumenthal. The Blumenthal medal has been added to the list of Treasury Secretary medals available for sale to the public.

These official medals are struck in bronze and most are three inches in diameter. The obverse of the Blumenthal medals shows a full view portrait of the Secretary with his name inscribed above. The Mint's Chief Sculptor and Engraver, Frank Gasparro, designed the portrait side of the medal.

Depicted on the reverse of the medal is an interpretation of the eagle insignia from the Great Seal of the United States. The insignia is circled by smaller seals of the Department of the Treasury, the Department of State, Princeton University and the University of California, in recognition of highlights in the Secretary's career. The words "Secretary of the Treasury" and the date on which Mr. Blumenthal was sworn into office, January 23, 1977, complete the reverse of the medal designed by the Mint Sculptor/Engraver, Philip E. Fowler.

The three inch Blumenthal medal may be purchased for $6.00 from the Bureau of the Mint Sales Areas at the Philadelphia Mint, the Denver Mint, the San Francisco Old Mint, and the Main Treasury Building in Washington, D.C. The medal, which is number 227 on the Mint medal list, can also be ordered by mail from the Mint for $6.30. A money order or check payable to the Bureau of the Mint should be sent to the Bureau of the Mint, 55 Mint Street, San Francisco, California 94175. The $6.30 price includes mailing and handling costs.

A brochure listing the Treasury Secretary Medals and many other National Medals authorized by Congress to honor famous Americans, landmarks and historic events can be obtained by writing to the address above.

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